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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated December 27, 2000. Claims 1-6, 11, 12, 14 and 16-34 are currently under examination. A three-month extension of time accompanies this response, extending the time to respond from March 18, 2001 to June 18, 2001.